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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of September 22, 2004, Applicants respectfully request consideration of amendments, arguments and a further IDS in the present RCE application filed in accordance 37 CFR §1.114. Applicants petition for a three month extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) and hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge deposit account 50-1922 for the extension as a large entity in addition to any other fees that may be due. Please note that a new Power of Attorney and Statement under 37 CFR§3.73(b) together with a Revocation of the prior Power of Attorney in this case was submitted with the RCE filed August 29, 2003. The further IDS has been necessitated by a consolidation of files as well as recent art cited in related cases.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.